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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re Application of ) Group Art Unit: 2879  
Michael R. Kling ) Examiner: Sikha Roy  
Serial No.: 09/963,987 ) Paper No.  
Filed: Sept. 26, 2001 )

For: Support For A Lamp Capsule And End-Of-Life Device, Lamp Including Such Capsule, And Method Of Coupling Lamp Capsule And End-Of-Life Device To Such Support.

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AMENDMENT B

Introductory Comments

Dear Sir:

The Office Action of December 31, 2003, and the cited art have been carefully considered. The recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 8, 9 and 14 is gratefully acknowledged. The application has been amended to eliminate unnecessary limitations and to correct grammatical and similar errors. Reconsideration of the rejection of the application is respectfully requested based on the amendments and following discussion.